

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible reflector comprising a light-transmissible polymer substrate uniaxially drawn to have uniaxial orientation characteristic, and a semi-transmissible reflection layer formed directly on said light-transmissible polymer substrate.

2. (original): A semi-transmissible reflector according to claim 1, wherein said semi-transmissible reflection layer is made of a metal vapor-deposited film or metal thin film having light transmissibility.

3. (original): A semi-transmission type polarizer comprising a semi-transmissible reflector defined in claim 1, and a polarizer stuck onto said semi-transmissible reflector.

4. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 9 degrees.

5. (original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a liquid-crystal cell, at least one semi-transmission type polarizer defined in Claim 3 or 4 and disposed on at least one of opposite surfaces of said liquid-crystal cell, and a backlight having polarizing characteristic and combined with said semi-transmission type polarizer.

6. (currently amended): A liquid-crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein the backlight comprises a reflection polarizing element ~~is used in said backlight.~~

7. (currently amended) A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3,

wherein, when polarized light is incident on at least one surface of said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer, ~~a reduction in~~ the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is ~~not larger than~~ reduced by at most 10%, as compared to incident polarized light, ~~when polarized light is incident on said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer~~.

8. (currently amended): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 7, wherein ~~a reduction in~~ the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is ~~not larger than~~ reduced by at most 5%.

9. (currently amended): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 8, wherein ~~a reduction in~~ the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is not ~~larger~~ reduced by more than 1%.

10. (previously presented) A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 6.4 degrees.

11. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 2.8 degrees.

12. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 4, wherein said polarizer is stuck on said semi-transmissible reflector.